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May 30, 1983

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Dear Ruth Broderick,

I spoke to you by phone Wed., May 25, regarding the situation of Sr. Pitura.

A case sheet on Sr. Pitura is enclosed, and the following is an update on subsequent events. On Aug. 20, 1982, Sr. Pitura was released from prison and placed on restricted liberty. As the political situation in Argentina was most unstable at that time, Sr. Pitura's wife, Carmen, contacted the UN in Switzerland to attempt to attain permission for Sr. Pitura to go to Switzerland under the Family Reunification Plan. Carmen, an Argentine, has refugee status in Switzerland, but resides in Nicaragua. She believed that it was necessary that she be in Switzerland for the UN to effect his departure from Argentina. Believing that he would be allowed to go to Switzerland, Carmen flew from Nicaragua to Switzerland in Feb. or Mar. of 1983. Her airline ticket allowed her to remain for a limited period in Switzerland and at the end of that period she was forced to return to Nicaragua, while Sr. Pitura remained in Argentina. To the best of my knowledge, Carmen is now in Nicaragua and her husband remains on restricted liberty in Argentina.

If possible, I would like to have you take two actions. One, contact Juliette Messina at the UN in Switzerland for any information that they have concerning Sr. Pitura's current situation. Two, contact the Swiss government regarding the possibility of a visa for Sr. Pitura. It, perhaps, might be better if, when you contact the Swiss government, you do not discuss Sr. Pitura's case specifically, but rather if the Swiss government is extending refugee status to Argentines not in prison (previously they gave political refugee status to prisoners under Argentina's "right of option"). However, I am sure that your judgement on this sort of thing is better informed than mine, so handle it as you think best.

I am making this request as a constituent, not as a member of Amnesty International, as AI prefers to handle things of this nature through their London office.

I will be out of the country from June 29 - August 16. If you receive any information during that time, would you please forward it to:

I have very much appreciated the assistance that you have given in the past and wish to thank you for your interest in Sr. Pitura.

Sincerely,

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